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ACTION EB-11

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INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 CG-00 COA-02 SIL-01 LAB-06 PA-03

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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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CARACAS FOR REGIONAL MARATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SHIPPING: INTRODUCTION OF LASH SERVICE. DELTA LINE

PROBLEM SOLVED FOR INITIAL VOYAGE

REF: BA 5947

1. SUMMARY: ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES OVERRULED LABOR UNION DURING
AM AUG 11. LASH VESSEL DELTAMAR DISCHARGED AND LOADED OVER
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. VESSEL DEPARTED NORTHBOUND MORNING AUG 13.

2. FOLLOWING EVENTS REPORTED REFTEL, EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO
ESSO ARGENTINA, WHICH WAS CONSIGNED OF BUTYL RUBBER ABOARD
DELTAMAR, THAT IT MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL IF BUTYL RUBBER USERS
WERE ALL APPRISED OF DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED IN SECURING
UNLOADING OF SHIPMENT. ESSO EXECUTIVES CONFIRMED THAT BUTYL
RUBBER WAS BEING IMPORTED, NOT ONLY FOR GOODYEAR, BUT ALSO
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FOR FIRESTONE, PIRELLI AND ARGENTINE FIRM FATE. ESSO OFFICIALS

MOVED QUICKLY TO INFORM ALL TIRE AND TUBE MANUFACTURERS BELIEVING, WITH US, THAT FATE TIRE FIRM, WHERE MINISTER GELBARD WAS FORMERLY GENERAL MANAGER, WOULD USE ITS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE TO SEE PROBLEM RESOLVED.

3. AT THIS EARLY DATE, WE ARE UNABLE TO STATE WHETHER IT WAS THESE STEPS OR ACTION BY UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, COMMERCE AND MARITIME TRANSPORT, WITH WHOM EMBASSY AND DELTA LINE REP HAD BEEN WORKING, THAT RESULTED IN POSITIVE ACTION BY MINISTRY OF LABOR. ON SATURDAY MORNING, AUG 11, MINISTRY OF LABOR CHARGED STRIKING MACHINIST UNION ON TUGBOATS TO PROVIDE PROPER BASIS FOR LEGAL LABOR DISPUTE OR RETURN TO WORK. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES LABOR UNION OFFICIAL SENT MACHINISTS TO TUGS AND LOADING/DISCHARGE BEGAN EARLY AFTERNOON AUG 11. LEADERS OF TUGBOAT MACHINISTS UNION HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING AUG 11 AND VOICED POLITICAL ORIENTED ATTACK ON LASH VESSEL OPERATIONS. SO FAR WE HAVE FOUND ACCOUNTS ONLY IN CRONICA AND CLARIN. LABOR UNION LEADERS HAVE REFUSED TO DISCUSS ISSUES WITH DELTA LINE REP. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THEY WILL SEEK TO HAVE SYMPATHETIC CONGRESSMAN MAKE DECLARATION OR INITIATE LEGISLATION TO MAKE LASH VESSEL OPERATIONS IMPOSSIBLE.

4. IT IS TUGBOAT FLEET OF STATE-OWNED FLOTA FLUVIAL AND WORKERS ON THE TUGBOATS WHO STAND TO GAIN MOST, ECONOMICALLY, FROM ADDED WORK CREATED IN PORT BY OPERATIONS SUCH AS MOVEMENT OF LASH LIGHTERS. THEREFORE, THAT MACHINISTS UNION SHOULD ORIGINATE OPPOSITION IS UNDERSTANDABLE ONLY IN A POLITICAL CONTEXT WHICH IS STILL UNCLEAR TO US. DELTA LINE REP AND LABATT WILL MAKE DISCREET INQUIRIES IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY ORIGIN OF OPPOSITION TO LASH OPERATION. SECOND VISIT BY LASH VESSEL SCHEDULED IN ABOUT 40 DAYS. OPPORTUNITY THEREFORE EXISTS TO SET STAGE FOR SMOOTH OPERATION IN FUTURE.

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